

## 275,000,000 Acre Project For Soldiers

Experts Draw Plans for  
Vast Reclamation of  
Waste Lands

Would Make Homes  
For Returning Men

Undertaking Would Give  
Employment to Veterans  
in First Years

By Theodore M. Knappen

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—The project that the war will soon be terminated is causing an acceleration of work on plans for dealing with after-war problems, the most pressing of which will be the demobilization of the army and navy and the absorption of some 2,000,000 men into civil life without hardship to them or distress to the country.

The only concrete plan that has been advanced here for caring for the returning soldiers during the transition period, and afterward, is the project of the Interior Land for the creation of ready-made farm homes for them. The homes themselves will not, of course, be of immediate assistance, but the idea is to employ hundreds of thousands of men on the great preparatory and construction work that will be involved in preparing the new farm homes.

Spurred on by the importance of formulating a definite project at the earliest possible moment, members of the commission appointed by Secretary Lane to investigate the subject, and draft the outlines of a comprehensive plan began their conferences this week, after a period of superficial inspection of the available lands.

### Experts Hold Conference

Those present were Arthur Davis, chief of the Reclamation Service; Elwood Mead, an authority on land reclamation, development and settlement; H. T. Cory, to whom has been assigned the general subject of the South; F. E. Weymouth, chief of construction of the Reclamation Service, whose headquarters are in Denver, and F. W. Hanna, a Reclamation Service engineer. Mr. Weymouth is particularly charged with the reclamation of arid lands, and Mr. Hanna with the cut-over and swamp lands of the lake states—Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan—and of the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Cory has just returned from an exploring trip in the South. Mr. Mead has been scouting through the West and Mr. Davis has recently returned from a trip to Denver, in the course of which he devoted considerable attention to the general plan.

This committee has \$200,000 at its command for a rough general survey and examination of the scheme and of the localities and tracts of land that may be suitable for the proposed work of providing homes for subject of soldiers and sailors. The House Committee on Public Lands has recently favorably reported a bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for further preliminary work.

### Provides for Classification

More specifically, this bill is described as one "to provide for a survey and classification by the Secretary of the Interior of all unentered public lands of the United States, and all unentered, cut-over, logged and swamp lands and other unused lands of the United States with a view to disposing thereof to honorably discharged soldiers and sailors and others and for other purposes." The hope is that if this \$1,000,000 should be made available soon the committee now working on the great undertaking will have a complete and orderly scheme ready for action by Congress within the next few months. Haste is urged not so much in any hope of having farms ready for soldiers as soon as they return but to provide them with temporary employment of a nature that will appeal to the vast numbers of them who will not be able immediately to find their niches in civil life.

It is calculated that there will be at least 400,000 men of the army who will prefer farm life to any other, after their months or years of active life in the army. Next of them will be those who have had some previous agricultural experience or association, but a considerable proportion will be men who will choose farm life as their initial career. It is thought that a vast development

plan under national auspices that will provide homes for millions will appeal to the restless and energetic men who have been soldiering, and that nothing civil life can ordinarily offer them will compare with the opportunity to enlist in a great campaign to conquer climate, swamps, deserts and all the other obstacles nature offers to the subjugation of her primeval wilderness and freedom. Afterward these men can find their homes among those they have created, or they can pass on to some other outdoor activity, leaving the work of their hands for the benefit of others.

The colossal proportions of the great home-making plan are realized by few, and those who are supporting it say that unless it is taken up in a lefty and spacious way it had better be left alone. It calls for the building of railroads and wagon roads, for the establishment of community centers and community institutions. It looks beyond setting a lonely man down on an isolated farm with no clear understanding of his task and nothing to perform it with. It purposes to establish him in a community and materially and mentally fit him for his work. It purposes to provide his primary and ultimate markets, and so to shape his environment that his success and happiness on the land will be purely a question of his worth and adaptability.

**275,000,000 Acres Waiting.**  
In its grandest outlines the new scheme of conquest of wilderness America contemplates:

First—The reclamation of 15,000,000 acres of arid lands in the West by irrigation.

Second—The reclamation of 60,000,000 acres of waste swamp or overflow lands of one sort or another, chiefly situated along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, in Florida and in the Mississippi, Missouri, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and California.

Third—The redemption of about 200,000,000 acres of timber lands that have their commercial timber removed but are covered with a thick growth of preparation for the plough. These "cut-over" lands are chiefly in the South Atlantic and Gulf states, the lake states and the Northwest.

To convert these 275,000,000 acres into farms will involve a capital investment that will look sizeable to a stupendous figure. It will involve billions.

**Terrible Turk No Longer Rules Jaffa**  
Zionist Commission Paves the Way for Settlement of Jews in Palestine

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—The Zionist commission sent from England to prepare the way for national resettlement of the Jews in Palestine has taken quarters in a suburb of Jaffa, which since its liberation by the British army has begun to take on new life. The population is trickling back into the city. Over a year ago the Turks, in a mood of spitefulness, drove out the civil population. Those who were fortunate enough to take refuge in the south of Palestine have had time since the British occupation to return to their homes, which have been damaged but little.

True, Jaffa is still largely a collection of mean and dirty houses. But it has escaped the horrors of war and to some extent has been even embellished during the last three years. The British authorities have introduced measures of cleanliness and order. They have cleared a road through the maze of lines leading to the port and have restored, in part, the commercial activity of the people. One of the new avenues which runs through the town is the work of a Jewish contractor and engineer, and was apparently prompted by a desire to emulate the boulevards of the Jewish suburb, Tel Aviv. Tel Aviv, the previously mentioned seat of the Zionist commission, has suffered less than Jaffa, though it is not yet restored to the whole of its former life.

**Army Swears Fealty To Greater Serbia**  
Fighters Take New Oath of Allegiance as Nation Is Reclaimed

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The Serbian army has taken an oath of allegiance to the new constitution of the Greater Serbian Kingdom, according to a dispatch received by the Exchange Telegraph Company.

## Resistance Centres In Germany Alone, Says Gen. March

Debate of Her Allies, Isolating Her, Being Pressed to Completion

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—The debate of Germany's allies is being pressed to completion, General March said today, and the events of the past week in the world war have resulted in the concentration of enemy resistance in one nation.

Resistance of the Germans on the West front has continued and the greatest Allied advance has been registered on the Italian front, where maximum progress of thirty-seven miles has been made. General March said the object of the Allies on this front was the cutting of the Austrian line of withdrawal. "This has been accomplished," he added.

Regimental units identified and located by General March included the 114th Engineers, with the First Army west of the Meuse, and the 52d Pioneer Infantry with the 5th Army Corps in the same territory. These are not part of any division.

General March identified the American forces in Italy as the 332d Infantry Regiment, with ambulance battalions, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13, field hospital 102. In addition there are certain air service training units.

The new Franco-American attack on both sides of the Argonne already, chief of staff explained, has progressed to such an extent that a decided pocket has been formed in the German lines, indicating the necessity of an early withdrawal from the northern portion of the Argonne Forest. This would bring the American forces with their heaviest artillery nearer the main German railway line through Stenay.

General March announced that influenza conditions among troops arriving in France have improved so materially that deaths from the disease practically have stopped. A recent transport convoy, carrying 25,000 men arrived at the American port of debarkation, he said, with only 78 cases of influenza.

In reply to questions regarding individual units, General March said the 80th Division (Kansas, Missouri, South Dakota, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona) was last reported in action October 29, between the Argonne and the Meuse. The 35th Division (Missouri and Kansas) has not been on the front line since September, although it is attached to the First American Army. The 92nd (Negroes from Camp Dodge) is on the line east of the Meuse. The 37th (Ohio) had been on line in the Vosges, but more recently its headquarters were reported in the Vosges. The 88th (North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Western Illinois), commanded by Major General William Weigel, is on the line in the Belfort sector in Alsace near the Swiss border; the 26th (New England) has been in action east of the Argonne.

The 50th (Virginia, West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania) has not yet been reported in action. The 83rd (Ohio and Western Pennsylvania) has headquarters at Lemans. The 90th (Texas and Oklahoma) was reported in action with the First Army, west of the Meuse on October 23d. The 30th Division (Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and District of Columbia) is with the British in Picardy. The 4th Division (regulars) is west of the Meuse. The 76th (New England and New York) still is acting as a depot division. The 27th (New York) is with the British in Picardy.

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